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Commissioner:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

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Page 5, paragraphs 2, lines 13-16, delete paragraph and replace with "In a preferred embodiment of the invention, filters are utilized to select and screen programming displayed by an EPG. In this context, a filter is a mechanism for selecting programs based on a selected criterion or criteria."

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Page 5, paragraph 4, lines 21-25, delete paragraph and replace with "An example of a usable format for filters is depicted in Fig. 1B. In Fig. 1B, a filter 100 is a list of program or event entries 102. The filter entitled "The Sci-Fi Fan's Guide" is a list of programs selected according to a criterion or criteria that selects programs of interest to sci-fi fans."